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Hi Alex-

We have drafted the following statement in response to VT's announcement. They were planning to issue yesterday afternoon, but I haven't seen it posted on their website yet.

Let me know your thoughts on the statement. FYI- Molly and John have been looped in.

Thanks

Emily

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EPA continues to support the State of Vermont's efforts to reduce exposure to PFAS in the state. Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler strongly supports the four-step action plan laid out at the PFAS National Leadership Summit in May and re-emphasized at the Community Engagement Event in Exeter, NH in June.

The Agency will continue to hold community engagement events around the country while we are drafting the National PFAS Management Plan.

EPA PFAS Action Items:

- EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
- EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as "hazardous substances" through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
- EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
- EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS.

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